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KASARAGOD KOVALAM WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government has sought clearance for its proposal for development of the Kasaragod-Kovalam waterways; and

(b) if so, the details and the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Government of Kerala had pursued for declaration of extension of National Waterway No. 3 from Kottapuram to Kasaragod and Kollam to Kovalam as a National Waterway. However, keeping in view the fact that the existing waterway is yet to become fully operational due to various problems, such as fishing stakes on fairway, problem of dumping dredged material, etc., the Government has decided not to pursue the said declaration proposal until the existing waterway becomes fully operational.